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ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1332

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Citations Affected: IC 16-37; IC 36-2.

Synopsis: Autopsy fees. Requires that payment for an autopsy ordered by a local health official, county coroner, or prosecuting attorney must be paid by the county in which the deceased was a resident.

Effective: July 1, 2002.

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(SENATE SPONSORS — SERVER, SIMPSON)

January 15, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.
January 30, 2002, reported — Do Pass.
February 4, 2002, read second time, ordered engrossed.
February 5, 2002, engrossed. Read third time, passed. Yeas 91, nays 4.

SENATE ACTION

February 11, 2002, read first time and referred to Committee on Governmental and Regulatory Affairs.
February 21, 2002, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2001 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-37-3-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.271-2001,
2 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 8. (a) Except as provided in subsection (c),
4 payment for the cost of an autopsy requested by a party other than the
5 local health official of the county in which the individual died must be
6 made by the party requesting the autopsy.

7 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c), payment for the cost of an
8 autopsy required by the local health officer shall be:

9 (1) made from funds appropriated to the local health department
10 **if the autopsy is performed on an individual who was a**
11 **resident of the county in which the local health department is**
12 **located; or**

13 (2) **paid by the county of residence if the individual on whom**
14 **an autopsy is performed was a resident of Indiana but not a**
15 **resident of the county where the autopsy is performed.**

16 (c) Except as provided in IC 4-24-4-1, if:

17 (1) an individual who is a resident of Indiana dies in an Indiana



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county:

(A) in which at least one (1) air ambulance provider is located;

and

(B) of which the individual is not a resident; and

(2) an autopsy is performed on the individual:

(A) in the county in which the individual died; and

(B) under the authority of the county coroner in the discharge of the coroner's duties;

the county coroner shall bill the county in which the incident occurred that caused the death of the individual on whom the autopsy was performed for the cost of the autopsy.

SECTION 2. IC 36-2-14-20, AS ADDED BY P.L.271-2001, SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2002]: Sec. 20. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) and IC 4-24-4-1, if:

(1) an individual who is a resident of Indiana dies in an Indiana county:

(A) in which at least one (1) air ambulance provider is located;

and

(B) of which the individual is not a resident; and

(2) an autopsy is performed on the individual:

(A) in the county in which the individual died; and

(B) under the authority of the county coroner in the discharge of the coroner's duties;

the county coroner shall bill the county in which the incident occurred that caused the death of the individual on whom the autopsy was performed for the cost of the autopsy, including the physician fee under section 6(d) of this chapter.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (a) and IC 4-24-4-1, payment for the costs of an autopsy requested by a party other than the:

(1) ~~county prosecutor;~~ **prosecuting attorney;** or

(2) county coroner;

of the county in which the individual died must be made by the party requesting the autopsy.

(c) The payment for the cost of an autopsy required by the prosecuting attorney or the county coroner shall be:

(1) made from county funds if the autopsy is performed on an individual who was a resident of the county; or

(2) paid by the county of residence if the individual on whom an autopsy is performed was a resident of Indiana but not a resident of the county where the autopsy is performed.

The county coroner shall bill the appropriate political unit for an

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1 **autopsy described in this subsection.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Local Government, to which was referred House Bill 1332, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

STEVENSON, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Governmental and Regulatory Affairs, to which was referred House Bill No. 1332, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 1, line 12, after "located;" insert "**or**".

Page 1, line 15, delete "; or" and insert ".".

Page 1, delete lines 16 through 17.

Page 2, delete lines 1 through 2.

Page 2, line 42, after "county;" insert "**or**".

Page 3, line 3, delete "; or" and insert ".".

Page 3, delete lines 4 through 5.

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1332 as printed January 31, 2002.)

MERRITT, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0.

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